

## **Town Administrator Updates**

**March 16, 2023**

### **Fire Rescue Truck**

The Town entered a contract with Warner Bodies to supply a Fire Rescue Truck for approximately \$205,000. Since that time, the contract price has increased and, most recently, Warner required a \$30,000 upfront payment to outfit the truck with a compressor. However, since the contract stipulated a mid-term payment of roughly \$54,000 for the cab and chassis, which the Town made, and the rest of the payment upon delivery of the truck, we were unable to make this \$30,000 payment. Thus, we have worked with Warner Bodies to reimburse the Town the \$54,000 payment made, and once we receive the reimbursement, we will then pursue our options to secure a rescue truck that meets the needs of the department and community.

### **ARPA Bill Earmark**

I was contacted yesterday by the Executive Office of Public Safety to notify the Town that approximately a year ago the Town secured an earmark in the State's ARPA bill for \$50,000 for "public safety improvements." I am now working with state officials to assist the Town in accessing these funds and better understanding the purpose of the earmark.

### **MVP Planning Grant**

The Town was recently notified that it secured a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program grant in the amount of \$37,000 to complete a community resiliency and hazard mitigation planning process and expanded scope that will examine the community's vulnerabilities and strengths and identify priority actions to build resilience as the climate changes.

### **Bandstand Electricity**

The bandstand on the Common is currently without power and with the summer concert series quickly approaching, I'm planning to begin the procurement process to secure an electrician to bring power back to the bandstand. Thanks to Select Board Member Ron Mikol and the Town's Electrical Inspector, Peter Martin for their assistance in developing the scope of work for the project.

### **PFAS at the High School**

The Town's of Dunstable, Groton, and Pepperell held a follow-up meeting this week to discuss solutions to the issue of PFAS at the High School. As a result, the Town of Groton plans to further develop the cost and schedule of the plan to extend their water line to the high school. The Town of Pepperell is planning to do the same thing, develop the cost and schedule for a plan to make a connection to the high school from Pepperell and to also connect to the Town of Dunstable for clean and adequate water supply. We plan to meet once again on Wednesday, March 29, to review these options.

**Division of Local Services**

At the request of the Town, the Division of Local Services is planning to visit the Town to work with town officials on developing protocols/policies, and plans, which will hopefully result in improved financial and cash handling procedures and protocols, operations, and enhanced bill payment options for residents.

**Earmarks – Representative Scarsdale and Congresswoman Trahan**

Since it's budget season, we have sent both Representative Scarsdale and Congresswoman Trahan's office potential earmark requests for the Town of Dunstable. As I hear more, I will keep you informed.

**AARP Community Challenge Grant**

The Town submitted an AARP Community Challenge Grant to assist us in performing walk audits, and work with our aging residents to prioritize potential improvements to make walking safer in and around the Town center and to and from our public facilities.